

Docket No.: 1509-428 PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Bruno RICHARD et al. Confirmation No. 9161

Application No. 10/620,772 Group Art Unit: 2153

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated October 20, 2003 for four months from December 20, 2003 to April 20, 2004.

A credit card authorization form to cover the cost of the extension is attached. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No.: 07-1337.

Respectfully submitted,

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